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Dear Public Health Colleague,

Thank you for joining the LBOH webinar on Tuesday, February 14th.

- * Click [here](#) to view the slides from Tuesday's 2/14 webinar.
- * Submit your questions and recommended topics by Wednesday, February 22, at noon. localregionalpublichealth@mass.gov
- * The next webinar is scheduled on February 28, 2023, at 3 pm.

Register for LBOH 2023 Webinars

- * Click on the following Zoom link to register for the 2023 webinars:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8PytNXtFSMm8T2wojkGZMQ

Please note the Zoom link is a recurring link. You only need to register one time. Save the invite to your calendar.

Finally, we want to ensure that our webinar is accessible to our audience. If you need accommodations, such as American Sign language (ASL) or Closed Caption, please email Lisa McCarthy-Licorish at lisa.n.mccarthy-licorish@mass.gov.

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Key Information and Resources Mentioned in Webinars

Department of Public Health

2023 Summer Local Health Internship Application Announcement

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Division of Epidemiology, is pleased to announce the 2023 MDPH Summer Local Health Internship Program. The program aims to provide graduate public health students with the opportunity to supplement their classroom education by understanding the critical role of local health departments and to support local health departments in undertaking and completing public health projects.

If interested in hosting a student intern this summer, complete the online [2023 Summer Local Health Internship Host Application Form](#) by Friday, February 17.

[Click here](#) for the description of the program and three sample project descriptions from previous years, which resulted in successful matches with student interns. Please remember that students typically begin their projects in late May and conclude their work in mid-August.

If you have any questions or require assistance designing competitive public health projects, please contact Julie Coco at julie.coco@mass.gov.

Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance

Extra COVID Food Funds for Families Ending March 2

Extra COVID Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, known as SNAP Emergency Allotments, were created during the pandemic to help individuals and families buy food. These extra COVID benefits are the difference between a household's normal benefit amount and the maximum amount for their household size, with a minimum amount of \$95 a month. The benefits have been put on EBT cards at the beginning of each month. Since March 2020, Massachusetts has elected to utilize this temporary benefit program made available under the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act.

Recent action by the federal government (through the Congressional Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023) ends the extra COVID SNAP benefits as of February 2023. **This means that Massachusetts households will receive their last extra COVID SNAP payment on March 2, 2023.**

The state has **launched a new website: Mass.gov/ExtraCOVIDSNAP**, to help residents plan for the end of these temporary federal benefits. Over the next several months, individuals and families should explore any optional expenses that may increase their normal SNAP benefits.

Help spread the word about the end of these extra COVID SNAP benefits:

- * [Outreach materials are available in 15 languages](#) - including flyers, text/email/robocall templates and social media posts
 - * [Videos](#) are available in English and Spanish, with American Sign Language (ASL) coming soon
 - * Encourage households to visit Mass.gov/ExtraCOVIDSNAP to learn how they can get the most out of their SNAP benefits, save some of it to help after March 2, and be connected with other resources
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MassHealth Office of Behavioral Health **Behavioral Health Roadmap**

[Roadmap for Behavioral Health](#) helps "people in Massachusetts get the mental health and substance use care they need, when and where they need it. Through a 24/7 **Behavioral Health Help Line** (BHHL) and statewide network of **Community Behavioral Health Centers** (CBHCs), the Roadmap connects people with supportive services right in their communities".

The [Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line](#) is available 24/7, 365 days per year and is available for all residents of Massachusetts. Call or text 833-773-2445.

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